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Mr. William F. Kane, Director
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Dear Mr. Kane:

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) is hosting a Technical Committee Meeting (TCM) on the safe transportation of radioactive material. The TCM will be held at IAEA's Headquarters in Vienna, Austria on June 2 - 6, 1997. As a fellow regulator of the nuclear transport industry in the United States, I invite you or your designee to participate in this meeting.

The IAEA, in response to the regulatory process improvement comments received since the completion of the 1996 revision of the transport regulations, scheduled this TCM and tasked it with reviewing and improving the operations of IAEA Transport Division and drafting a regulatory development and analysis program to be used on all future revisions of the transport regulations. Because of his extensive participation in the last revision of transport regulations, his knowledge of the IAEA Transport Division, and his work on preparing the U.S. position paper on IAEA regulatory reform, I would be grateful if Mr. Earl Easton of your Transportation Projects Section would attend this TRANSSAC meeting.

In order for the United States Department of State to provide a list of delegates to the IAEA in a timely manner, I would appreciate your advising me by May 21, 1997 whether you can accommodate this request. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 202-366-4545.

Sincerely,

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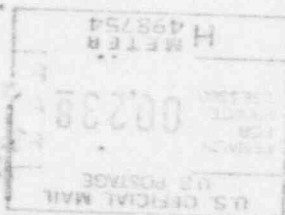
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